

Deerfield, IL - Congressman Kirk received a surprise visit Thursday from over 50 children from the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). During the visit, the children thanked Congressman Kirk for his support and leadership on federal stem cell legislation that passed the House of Representatives in May. All of the children who visited Kirk suffer from juvenile diabetes and believe stem cell research holds the most promise for curing the disease one day.

“You are the voices Congress and the President need to hear,” Congressman Kirk said to over 50 children huddled in his office. “It is the strength and leadership of children like you that are providing the momentum and support to lift President Bush’s stem cell restrictions. Out of all the pro-stem cell organizations, JDRF is leading the fight to make sure federal stem cell legislation makes it to President Bush’s desk. It is up to us to convince the President to sign this important legislation.”

Children from JDRF will be visiting lawmakers in Washington later this month to thank other pro-stem cell lawmakers and to urge the Senate to pass legislation. Stem cell legislation has strong bipartisan support in the Senate where pro-life Senator Orrin Hatch is a lead co-sponsor.

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